

Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN) Commission
Department of Public Safety, Headquarters, EOC
Minutes of Meeting
April 5, 2017

- Chair, Terry LaValley, called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm with the following roll call: Michael Varney, FirstNet; Robert White, AOT; Jessica Stolz, DEMHS; Al Barber, Vermont Fire Chiefs; Lisa Helme, DPS; Nick Brunelli, DPS; Barbara Neal, E911; Tom Hango, VSP; Rhonda Camley, DPS; Karen Smith, DPS; Steve Locke, Burlington Fire Department; Corey Chase, Public Service; Clay Purvis, Public Service; Frank Costantino, DII; Chris Herrick, DPS; Rick Burke, Televate; Brandon Abley, Televate; Ron Kumetz, Vermont Firefighters Association; Suellen Royea, DPS; and Steve Whitaker, member of the public. Dan Manz, EMS and James Porter, Public Service arrived after the meeting was underway.
- **Agenda Review and Approval:** Steve Locke moved to approve the agenda as proposed. Motion seconded by Robert White. Motion carried. Steve Locke moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Robert White. Motion carried.
- **Update from FirstNet Single Point of Contact, Terry LaValley:** Terry introduced two (2) new Board members; Chris Herrick, DPS Deputy Commissioner, and Ron Kumetz, Vermont Firefighters Association. He reported that he gave an update to the Legislature on March 4, 2017; FirstNet made an announcement yesterday that for the opt-in option, there will be 99% coverage for 72% of the landmass; there will be a briefing to the Governor on April 10, 2017; and outreach activity picked up with FirstNet's contract announcement. Lisa Helme distributed copies of a letter and timeline about the announcement, which were sent by US Mail to about 400 first responders and emailed to over 600 people. In addition, the materials were posted on the web page and Facebook. Tom Hango also distributed the materials to VSP. Terry LaValley added that we are urging people to be involved; we want feedback and participation. He reviewed the next steps for the Commission, which includes: reviewing the state draft plan, which is based on the data we submitted to FirstNet; negotiate any potential missing pieces that we may want; consider all other options; and make a recommendation to the Governor's office.
- **Update from National FirstNet Status:** Mike Varney reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that was presented to SPOCs yesterday; Terry can provide copies. He reviewed that the court decision was in FirstNet's favor and they were able to move forward and enter into an agreement with AT&T. He noted that AT&T's proposal was the only proposal that met all the requirements. The plan is for AT&T to provide priority service and priority preemption service within a year. There was brief review regarding a question about the first bullet: "More than 99% of Americans covered post Governor's Decision". FirstNet will oversee AT&T and the project. AT&T brings expertise in communications and security and has a number of other

partners. In addition, AT&T will provide a dedicated Public Safety help desk. Mike Varney continued that the network will be available as soon as a state opts-in and upgrades will continue through the contract. The general timeline includes: a SPOC webinar scheduled for April 17, where details of the State Plan Guidance Package will be available; Portal access will be given to those that need access; the draft state plans are released during the summer; and the final state plan published in the fall of 2017. A handout of what will be provided was distributed. Some questions asked included: whether the J19 would be available in advanced for review; and the definition of minimal coverage. Mike Varney will provide the answers to Terry LaValley. Another question asked was in regards to the current carrier for DPS. It was noted that Verizon is the primary carrier for coverage for DPS.

- **Televate, Introduction and discussion on work process and coverage expectations:** Terry LaValley introduced Rick Burke and Brandon Abley from Televate. Brandon reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the project purpose, their team, and the project task overview. It was noted that the SLIGP funds were being used for their services and coverage was the number 1 priority for Vermont. Televate will review the state plan and make recommendations. They are here to support the Commission and stake holders and have legal counsel on standby. Some of the projects they have worked on include: the NJ, LA-RICS, Minnesota and OK Band 14 pilot projects. They have direct experience in designing, developing and deploying networks. A potential timeline was reviewed. It was noted that everything will be coordinated through the Commission. A question was asked from the public about funding. Terry LaValley asked that the question be submitted in writing for a response.
- **General Business:** No other general business.
- **Public Comment:** No additional comments.
- Terry noted that we will be holding monthly meetings. He encouraged feedback and participation.
- **Adjournment:** Chris Herrick made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Dan Manz. Meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.